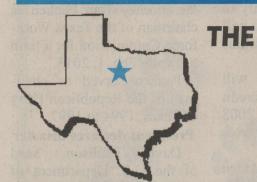
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Looking Ahead

Stock Show Schedules

The schedules for the major Texas shows are as follows: San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo - January 31 thru February 17; San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo - February 21 thru March 2; Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo / Austin - February 29 thru March 15; Houston Stock Show and Rodeo - March 3 thru March 22.

Congress Mac Thornberry Will Be At The Knox City

Chamber Of Commerce You're invited to a conversation with Congressman Mac Thornberry on Wednesday, March 19 from 11:00 a.m. -12:00 noon at the Knox City Chamber of Commerce.

Annual Knox City **Community Easter Egg** Hunt

Annual Knox City Community Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 22 at 2:00 p.m. at the city park.

• Easter Sunrise Services Easter Sunrise service will be at the Moorhouse Ranch, Sunday morning. Breakfast is served at 6:30, services will follow after breakfast.

Annual Knox City **Chamber Banquet**

The Annual Knox City Chamber Banquet will be held Saturday, March 29 at the First Baptist Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tickets for the Hawaiian themed"SmallTownParadise" event are \$12.50 each and went on sale Wednesday, March 5.

Tickets can be purchased at the chamber office, Counts Real Estate, Knox City Florist, from Steve Pepper or Paula Carter.

Defensive Driving Course If you are interested in taking a defensive driving course in Knox City call the Aging Center at 657-3618 between 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. weekdays. Ask for Cheryl. At least 20 interested people needed.

• KC-O'Brien Ex-Students Homecoming

The homecoming will be the first weekend in June - June 6 & 7, 2008.

Knox 4-H Livestock Judgers Preparing For District



L to R-Cody Trimble, Parker Finley, Trey Tidwell, Shannon Reeves

The Knox County 4- H livestock judging teams have been practicing the last couple of weeks in preparation for the 4-H District Contest on April 18. Recently they competed at Brady, Texas in the McCulloch County-Heart of Texas Livestock Judging Contest. Cody Trimble competed as an individual in the senior level contest and was very successful. He was 2nd high individual overall in the contest and placed 1st in reasons, 1st in beef, 2nd in swine and 4th in sheep. The junior 4-H livestock judging team composed of Parker Finley, Shannon Reeves, and Trey Tidwell combined to place 4th overall. They were 1st high team swine, 9th high team in sheep, and 10th high team in cattle.

Prior to the contest at Brady, the judgers competed at the San Angelo Livestock Judging

Contest where they placed 21st out of 65 teams. The junior team accompanied by Cody Trimble competed as a senior level team. Trimble was 22nd highest individual followed by Reeves at 73rd Tidwell at 150th, and Finley at 160th. Combining to place 21st out of 65 in the senior contest shows just what kind of potential the junior team really has. Please congratulate these guys when you see them.

Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting or program are encouraged to contact the Knox County Extension office at (940)459-2651.

Knox City Represented On Regional Council

Knox City's official delegate on the regional Council for Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN). The alternate delegate is Daveine Clark. The City of Knox City is a charter member of TMCN.

TMCN provides marketing programs for tourism and economic development; networking opportunities for community leaders to learn how to address municipal challenges; and legislative awareness in monitoring issues that directly affect the communities in this region of the state. The most recent program sponsored by TMCN is the Texas Midwest Chamber

Barbara Rector serves as Cooperative which offers a way for businesses in the region to access affordable employer group insurance.

> TMCN was founded in 1994 and currently has a membership of 43 communities located in the 25 counties surrounding Abilene and San Angelo. The regional organization provides a network by which community leaders share information and motivation that can be directed to local community development programs and activities. The organization functions on the premise of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone."

See COUNCIL on Page 3

Fire Destroys Over 33,000 Acres In Knox And King Counties This Weekend



K.C.V.F.D. on the scene at the fire Saturday night. I-r Domingo Garica, Thomas Wise, Fred Ledesma, Jackie Sanders, Terry Butler, Alex Ledsema, Al Rios, not pictured were Joe Sandusky, Teddy Espinosa, Alivie Overmyer, and Bill Stewart.

What seemed to be a nor- understatement. "With a fire of pouring of the communities," mal Friday afternoon turned out to be one of the worst days in Knox and King county history! A simple and small automobile fire out on Hwy 82 and a pump jack malfunction fire, transformed with the help of high winds and dry conditions into the enormous fire we all saw this weekend. But that's only part of the story, part two tells of two rural counties coming together as if family to help one another

After Speaking with David Abernathy the Assistant Chief Regional Fire Coordinator for the Texas Forest Services and as Incident Commander of this fire, this is what we know. On Friday afternoon sometime midmorning an automobile caught fire; which would have been easy to deal with except for the Santa Anna type winds that reached up to 80 mph. The fire got so hot that it melted the tar and pavement, and spread quickly with hurricane force winds, saying it was that out of control was an

this magnitude our main objective is people's safety first," said David Abernathy.

As time moved on and it seemed they were making some headway through the fire, another fire broke out from a pump jack unit. It is unknown how the fire started.

All we do know is that a grand total of 33,037 acres burned from both fires. So far there are no known loss of any livestock, human lives or structural damages. After the fire was contained and most V.F.D.'s were sent home, the Forest Services still left some personnel to be on

Support from the surrounding area was amazing. At anytime they were 75-150 people out there; which included thirteen different V.F.D.'s, two Private Fire Services, State and Federal Forestry Services and Personnel, from all over the country. Not to mention all the Volunteer work. "In crises situations like this it's always amazing to see the out-

said David Abernathy. Judge Floyd and Judge Daniel were there, also women from the Ladies Auxiliary were there day and night, donations came in from all over the counties, from Churches to people pulling over on the side of the highway just to give money.

Not once was there a time, where the firemen had to go thirsty or with out food. Neighbors helping neighbors, going beyond the call of duty, this is what America is truly about. Coming together in a time of crises, with no red tape just getting out there getting the job done!

There is a report being put together to send into the U.S.D.A. regarding all the Agricultural loses, if anyone has suffered any kind of Ag loss such as fence damage, structural damage or livestock please contact Judge Travis Floyd at 940-459-2191 or Judge Duane Daniel at 806-596-4411 ASAP. This report needs to get out soon.





Photo on the left was submitted by Kathy Rainwater of Benjamin; the photo above was submitted by Jacki Sanders of O'Brien.



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State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - With the U.S. population at 303 million and growing, whatever finds its way into the water supply is increasing.

Say you take a prescription medication, the part of it that your body does not use passes naturally.

This residue continues through a sewer line or septic system, eventually ending up in the city water supply.

The Associated Press did a five-month study to learn the

Study Of City Water Supplies Shows Austin's Is OK

pharmaceutical/content in the water supplies of selected cities across the nation.

The AP reported the results, and those results were widely published.

Surprisingly, the tapwater here in your capital city came up negative when tested for pharmaceuticals.

The city tapwater in Albuquerque, N.M., also tested negative, and so did the tapwater in Virginia Beach, Va.

The rest of the cities tested did not fare as well.

Think San Francisco, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and others. Sixty-three substances found included such things as antidepressants, cholesterol inhibitors and sex

Now, changing the subject from water to air: Austin, of course, is the Travis County seat, and it turns out the air in

Travis County does not meet the Environmental Protection Agency's new air quality standards for ozone.

Travis isn't alone: other counties the EPA identified as not meeting air standards include Bexar, Brazoria, Collin, Dallas, Denton, El Paso, Ellis, Galveston, Gregg, Harris, Harrison, Hood, Hunt, Jefferson, Johnson, Montgomery, Orange, Parker, Rockwall, Smith and Tarrant.

Gov. Rick Perry on March 12 called the EPA standards a "moving target" that in effect restrict commerce.

But Perry lauded a March 3 editorial in the Wall Street Journal hailing the Lone Star State's economic strength despite the national economic slowdown.

Continuing on the subject of commerce, your capital city was consumed March 7

through 16 with the annual South By Southwest music, film and interactive festivals.

Tens of thousands of people came to hear bands ranging from the famous to the barely known from across America and around the world.

They purchased "SXSW" wristbands that worked like a passport to all the clubs they could squeeze into.

Austin's welcome guests bunked at hotels, ate heartily at cafes and bistros and shopped euphorically, even with the cost of gasoline, milk, wheat and corn inching skyward.

Employers to receive tax break

The Texas Workforce Commission announced a plan to give about 370,000 employers a break from paying unemployment insurance

Employers who had a payroll in 2007 and paid all taxes on time will qualify to receive the break, which will come in the form of a surplus tax credit.

Qualified employers will receive the surplus tax credit after their first quarter 2008 tax returns are filed and taxes are paid.

The tax credit is expected to total about \$90 million. That would average about \$243 per employer.

"Thanks to our healthy economy and low unemployment rate last year, the state collected more money for the unemployment trust fund than we need, which is why I'm directing the state to bring that tax to a screeching halt for this year," Gov. Perry explained in a March 10 news release.

Pauken named commission chair

Gov. Perry appointed Dallas attorney Tom Pauken as chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission for a term to expire Feb. 1, 2013.

Pauken served as chairman of the Republican Party of Texas, 1994 to 1997.

President declares disaster

David Paulison, head of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency announced that the president has declared an emergency exists in the state of Texas and ordered federal aid to supplement state and local response efforts in the area struck by wildfires beginning on March 14, and continuing.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Boy howdy, thy're really raisin' the roof . . . and arguing politics!"

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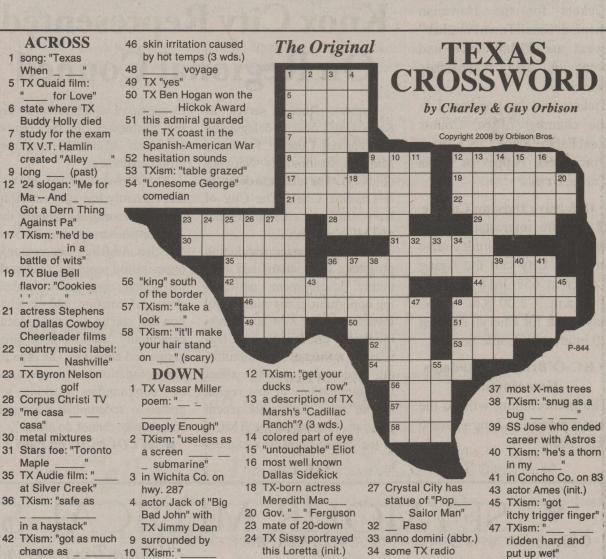
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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Pickin' On The Plains Again!

By Baxter Black, DVM

"It's so quiet here. The air is clear. There's no trash along the highway? I can't smell carbon monoxide fumes in the air. People are friendly...there must be something wrong?"

Once again the plains have been visited by big city reporters and found it... what? Beautiful, natural? Vibrant? Addictive? No. The National Geographic magazine came to North Dakota and found it...empty.

Why is it that the Indians, the settlers, Teddy Roosevelt and the mayor of Valley City ever came and stayed? Is it possible that they like it the way it is?

Imagine the headquarters of the National Geographic magazine on 17th Street, Washington, DC. It's in the middle of a big city with hundreds of employees in the building, each with an average cubicle of the size of a pickup bed, where they sit in front of a computer screen 75% of their waking life. They commute a couple hours a day, they live with the constant tension of deadlines, stop and go traffic, pollution allergies, acid reflux and the barrage of no holds barred – fast breaking - right after this - jet engine decibel - talk show, infotainment typhoon television and radio!

It is no wonder they are uncomfortable in North Dakota, or Burlington, CO, Syracuse, KS, Buffalo, SD, Kaycee, WY, or Glascow, MT or Maple Creek, Saskatchewan. They have been accustomed to being anonymous, hiding in the masses, fighting the crowd. But there is no crowd in the open plains. There is space.

They are like an apartment dog turned loose in the backyard; they can't wait to get back inside. It's too big, too scary outside.

It is odd that they feel a twinge of pity for those of us refugees who are forced to spend our lives in the "desolation, the emptiness" of the plains. They speak of the "irreversible decline, decaying town and lonely sweep of the plains." It is true that demographics such as low birthrate, labor shortage and loss of young people are concerns for many "rural areas nationwide," but that does not necessarily mean a state's economy is bad.

But when you compare 'quality of life' between Las Vegas, NV, Denver, CO or Phoenix, AZ with Medora, ND, Sheridan, WY, or Alliance, NE, many of us are aghast that someone would choose the chicken coop existence of big cities over the peace of the plains.

"More and more! Faster and faster!" is not everybody's idea of paradise.

So, to each his own. Keep up the good work, National

Thanx for coming to visit, and think of us on your commute home tonight.

Regional Council— Continued

(Continued from page 1) In the words of Benjamin Franklin "we can all hang together or we most certainly will hang one by one". For more information about TMCN check the web site www.texasmidwest.com.

Member include cities Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Breckenridge, Brady, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Knox City, Merkel, Munday, Ranger, Rising Star, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye and Winters.

Thank You!

To Whom It May Concern: The Knox City V.F.D. would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to all the people that supplied food and drinks during the major grass fire on 82 & 222. Not only for the Food and drink but also the prayers. Also very special thanks to all the churches that supplied the hot meal on Saturday afternoon. Thank You to all the Water transport Drivers. May God bless each and every one of you. Thank You to those that made the money donations.

> Thanks, Fred Ledesma K.C.V.F.D. Chief

More Fire Photos -



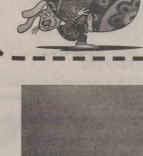
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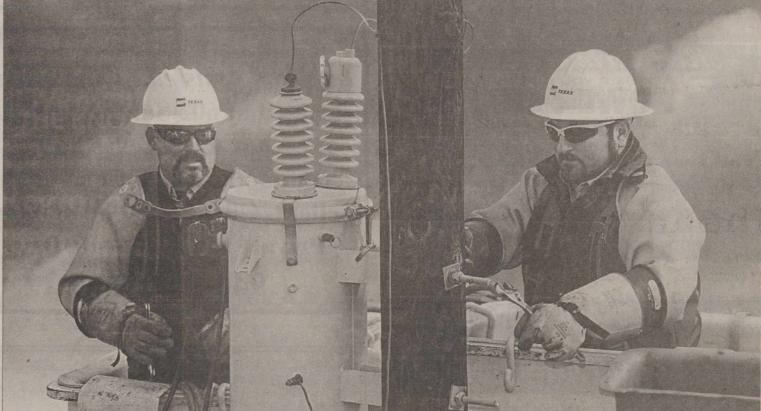


The First Methodist Church from Knox City provided a hot meal Saturday night for those working to contain the fire



Happy Easter Sunday, March 23!





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Knox County Election updates:

The time to file has closed as of 3/10/08 for all city elections. Early voting will be from April 28—May 6, 2008 at each City Hall. Election Day is May 10th.

Knox City -

2 incumbents: Terry Utley, Danny Reece 3 New: Augie Rodriquez, James Manning, **Steve Pepper**

Knox City / O'Brien ISD -School Board: Charles Schur, Scott Lynn, Tony Stanfield, Cody manning, Nick Jimenez, Bruce Railsback, Clint Lewi, Dusty Bradley

Benjamin City -**Mayor Position - Sylinda Meinzer** Sylinda was appointed and she is running unopposed for Mayor. 2 (2yr) City Council Positions: Lorene Powers, incumbent, Fred Carver, was appointed now running for office 1 yr expired term: no applicant **School Board Elections canceled**

Munday City -2 City Council Positions: Exa Lee Martinez, **Durwood Thigpen, David Walsh** Munday CISD - Sam Hunter, Bob Moore

O'Brien City -Mayor: Richard Garcia Council: Charles Brothers, Jan Frost, Matt Baxter

OBITUARIES

John Winston Bradford

John Winston Bradford, age 89, passed away on Monday, March 10, 2008 at his Town of Wescott home.

He was born on January 5, 1919, in Crowell, Texas, a son of the late Bennie H. and Esther (Miller) Bradford. He graduated from Thalia Texas High School and then attended Hardin Simmons University on a basketball scholarship. John moved to Appleton in 1939 and began working for Kurz & Root Electric Company in 1942. In September of 1959 he bought Kurz Electric



Company with Allen Johnson. They sold the business in 1990. On March 9, 1990, he was united in marriage to the former Ingrid Winter at Abilene, Texas. John's hobbies were fishing and metal detecting. John always said, "No one should be in a boat unless you have a fishing pole in your hand."

Survivors include his wife, Ingrid Bradford of the Town of Wescott in Shawano County; a sister, Evelyn Balis of Knox City; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Kenneth Bradford of Knox City; his sisters, Nola Claxton of Abilene; Atheleen Owens of Knox City; Bennie Holten of San Angelo; and his fishing buddy, Carl Hoffman of Bonduel.

John served aboard the Aircraft Carrier USS Bunker Hill during World War II and received the following citation from the United States Navy for his military service:

U.S.S. BUNKER HILL (CV-17)
The Commanding Officer of the UNITED STATES SHIP
BUNKER HILL takes pleasure in commending
JOHN WINSTON BRADFORD, FIREMAN FIRST CLASS
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for service as set forth in the following
CITATION:

"For the excellent service in the line of his profession in connection with operations against the enemy while a member of the crew on board a United States aircraft carrier on 11 May 1945 in the Western Pacific. When his ship was severely damaged by sudden and determined enemy air attacks he as a member of the electrical division in spite of heavy smoke, fires, and toxic gases, performed his duties with cool judgment, energy, and courage. Following the control and reduction of the fires his work in restoring vital electrical circuits and services were of a very high order. In spite of constant danger from damaged electrical wiring he worked unflinchingly to restore normal conditions. His high performance of duty contributed materially to saving the ship from additional damage, her crew from greater loss of life, and to restoring the ship rapidly to a seaworthy and fighting condition. His conduct and example were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. A copy of this citation will be made a part of his official record."

> G. A. SEITZ, Captain, U. S. Navy

John will be laid to rest in Grand Marais, Minn. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund for the Shawano Community Hospice, 309 N. Bartlette St., Shawano, WI. 54166, has been established in his memory. A celebration of John's life will be held on Saturday, March 29, at 2:00 p.m. at their residence. Schroeder-Mickelson Funeral Service of Shawano is assisting the family. www.schroedermickelsonfuneral.

A memorial service will be held here at a later date.



Aging Center Lunch Menu

March 24 - March 28

Monday, Mar. 24 - Chicken Fritter on a Bun, Lettuce,
Tomato, Pickles and Onion, Tator Tots and Cookies
Tuesday, Mar. 25 - Beef Tacos with Cheese, Whole Kernel
Corn, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, and
Sopaipilla's with Honey

Wednesday, Mar. 26 - Chicken Strips with Gravy, Garden Salad, Green Beans, Biscuit and Cobbler

Thursday, Mar. 27 PRO Poof Tips, Potesto Salad

Thursday, Mar. 27 - BBQ Beef Tips, Potato Salad, Hominy Casserole, Hot Rolls and Cake Friday, Mar. 28 - Roast Beef with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Hot Rolls and Pudding

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(Menu subject to change)

God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor
O'Brien Baptist Church

There are so many people who feel so alone today. You don't have to be alone to feel alone. People can live separate lives even when they live together. These may be some of the loneliest people. Others who are by themselves feel very alone also.

There are people who feel so weak today. They feel incompetent in their work and without the power to change their situation. They believe there are too many circumstances to overcome for their life to ever be changed for the better.

There are people who feel so unknowing. They seem to never be able to figure out a better way or a way out. They can't seem to get done what is necessary for them to accomplish. They don't understand many things happening in their life; why is it happening and how can I change it?

Knowing God can resolve all the situations above. You can actually see your life completely change for the better when you know God and His person. There are three wonderful attributes to God's character. He is omniscient, He is omnipresent and He is om-



nipotent.

Omniscience means that God is all knowing; there isn't anything that God doesn't know.

"You are those who justify themselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God." (Luke 16: 15 NASB).

Omnipotent means that God is all powerful. There isn't anything or anyone that He can't overcome. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;" (Acts 1: 8a NASB)

Omnipresence means that God is always present everywhere. You are never out of God's mind, sight and love. "That the nations may tremble at your presence! When you did awesome things which we did not expect." (Isaiah 64: 2c-3a NASB)

God's omniscience, omnipotence and omnipresence are for you, so that He may protect you, provide for you and make His ways known for your good. Invite Him into your heart today and let Him reign in your life as your God.



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HAPPY 95TH BIRTHDAY!



OMITENE BARNETT

Omitene was born on Easter Sunday, March 23, 1913 in Blue Ridge, Texas. She moved to Benjamin in 1943. On Easter Sunday, 2008, she will celebrate her 95th birthday with family and friends.

Interesting Information —

This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see the rest of our lives! And only the most elderly of our population have ever seen it this yearly (95 years old or above). And none of us have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier! Here are the facts:

• The next time Easter will be this early (March 23) will be the year 2228 (220 years from now). The last time it was this early was 1913 (so if you're 95 or older, you are the only ones that were around for that!)

• The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285 (277 years from now.) The last time it was on March 22 was 1818. So, no one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year!



KC AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Knox City

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Sunday Evening Worship at 6:30 p.m. * Mid Week, Wed. at 6:30 p.m.

FBC Sunday School, and the worship services at 10:55 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – Knox City
Timothy Trimbel, Pastor

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No Sunday Evening Service

ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP - Knox City
Tex Cox, Pastor

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Sunday Evening Classes 5:00 p.m. • Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Warriors 6:00 p.m.
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1400 The River 8:20 - 8:50 a.m.

FOURSQUARE CHURCH – Knox City
Don Jackson, Pastor
Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 7 p.m.

SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Knox City
Father Leo Schloemer • Deacon Ben Vasquez
Sunday Bilingual Mass at 11 a.m.

LIBERTY COMMUNITY C.O.G.I.C- Knox City

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – Rhineland Father Leo Schloemer • Deacon Ben Vasquez Monday through Friday mornings, 8 a.m. Mass Saturday Mass at 7 p.m. • Sunday Mass at 9 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Benjamin Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – Benjamin Timothy Trimbel, Pastor

Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. • Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH – Gillespie

Matt Harrington, Pastor

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CHURCH OF CHRIST – Benjamin
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THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL – Highway 222

W.O. Smith, Pastor
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. – Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
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The Knox County Commissioner's Court met in a regular session on February 11, 2008. After discussing the Burn Ban, they decided to extend the ban another ninety days and purchase 16 Burn ban signs. Then after discussing The Joint Primary Elections they agreed to sign a contract with both par-

ties. The Court also decided to sign a letter of support to Helen Farabee MHMR. And After considering all the Road and bridge issues The Court unanimously agreed to purchase Compressor and Trash Pump. Then upon a unanimous vote the Court has also decided to hire a second full time deputy.

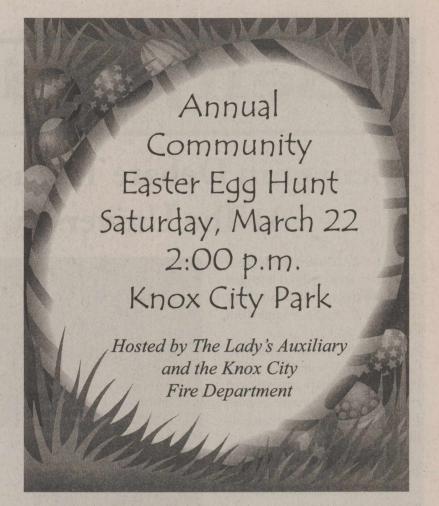
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Knox City VFD Report
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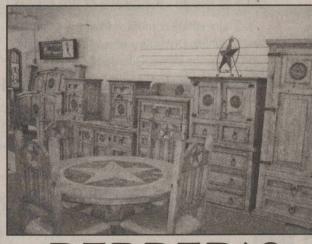
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Fifty-five teams from all across Texas competed. With 110 speakers participating, the top five speakers were chosen after the first day of compete ion. For the forth time in six years Benjamin had a speakers in the top five.

Nasfeesa Ebraheim tied for second speak with 118 of possible 120 speaker points. Through the tie-breakers Nasfeesa was officially ranked fourth of 110 speakers and received an award from UIL of Texas. Prior winners from Benjamin were Chance Propps in 2003, Jessica Morrhouse in 2004 and Chance Propps again in 2005. With over a hundred speakers each year this is a prestigious achievement. The group was actually able to visit with Chance who is a student at UT and who worked with the UIL in conducting the

The first day of competition consist of four rounds debates or six hours of actual compete ion lasting from eight in the morning to eight at night. The first day of competition eliminated down to the top 16 of the 55 teams present. Those who advanced to the second date are State Medallists or State Octofinalists.

The team of Karla Benson and Nasfeesa Ebraheim, both seniors, competed the first day

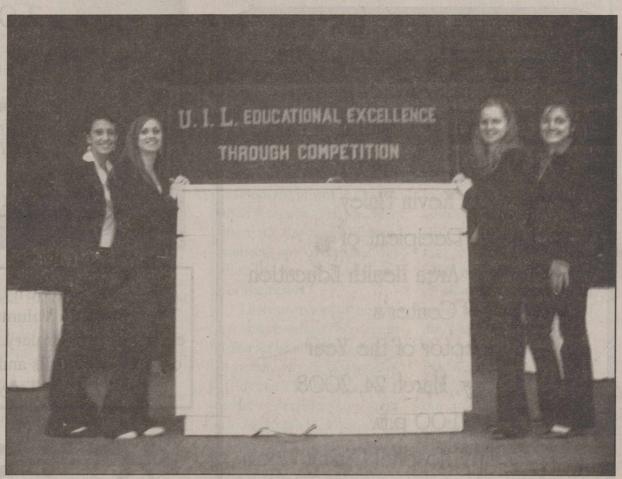
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Benjamin Debaters attend State Meet at the University of Texas in Austin

undefeated with Nasfeesa the fourth best and Karla the thirteenth best speakers of 110 speakers. This ranked Karla and Nasfeesa as one of the top teams going it rounds of debates the second day. On the second day Karla and Nasfeesa finished as State Quarterfinals and State medallists, qualifying for scholarships awarded though the UIL of Texas. Through the years the UIL has awarded 21 million dollars in Scholarships.

The team of Julia Acevedo

Time

2:30

and Tina Siemens, Both Seniors Finished the first day with three wins and only in defeated. They also qualified to the second day of completion and finished State Octofinalists and State Medallists. This is a prestigious accomplishment and qualified for the UIL scholarships also. This was a first for Benjamin High school as both teams qualified to the finals completion on the second day, a difficult thing to accomplish. Both team were eliminated the second day in

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close debates on split ballots, meaning a panel of three judges voted 2-1 rather than a unanimous vote.

In the nine years since200 since Benjamin has had 12 Quaffing teams and at least received State Medals. Medalists include two State Octofinalists, one State Quarterfinalist, one State semi- Finalists and two state Runners-up.

After completion the years the teams enjoyed a tour of the State Capitol.

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BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

It's Monday afternoon and again clouds are in the area with a threat of severe weather. We pray that doesn't happen but do continue to pray for rain. Seems little sprinkles are all that comes our way.

About Our Ill

Fred Carver spent a couple of days in Knox County Hospital last week. He's home now but is going to have to take care of himself and not relapse.

Omitene Barnett is in Knox County Hospital now, being admitted on Sunday. She, too, has pneumonia. If she feels better, her family plans a birthday party for her on Saturday, 22nd in honor of her 95th birthday. She was born on Easter Sunday, March 23 in 1913. We hope she's able to be here for her party, which is to be at her home between the hours of 3 and 4 p.m. Everyone is invited and the family says "no gifts, please." (Maybe a card if you like).

Sue Sheedy says she's feeling much better than she did for several months. It's sure good to know things are better for her.

Here 'N There

The shower for Steve and Cassie Sheedy Friday night was successful with the family receiving many useful things. You may recall they lost nearly everything in a fire in Mid-February. Attendance was down at the get together due to so many being out helping with the fire west of town. There was quite a lot of anxiety as it was uncertain just how long, and how far it would burn. Though lots of grassland burned, no homes or lives were lost. And aren't we thankful for the firemen and other folks who were out for so long working, doing what they could to protect us all? Thank you so much!

Sympathy to my friend, Evelyn Balis today. Evelyn's brother, Johnny Bradford passed away last Monday, in Wisconsin where he had lived many years. He had been ill for quite some time. A memorial service is planned here at a later date.

Had a nice visit with Ralph and Mary Escobar on Sunday. They were down visiting his brother, Ray and his wife for a few days. They said if all goes well they will be back in June for homecoming. They live in San

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I attended the funeral of Leon Johnson Thursday in Munday. Though it was a said time, it was also an opportunity to visit friends, I hadn't seen in a while. Classmates there (Class of '54) were Bob Killian (and Juanita) of Lubbock; Jimmy Morgan (and Wanda) of Waco; Jerry Bob Goodwin (and Becky) of Megargel; Peggy Curry Ritchie and Guindell and Barbara Phillips Cagle of Wichita Falls; Billy Henson (and Patsy) of Brock and Parker and Janice New of Seguin.

Samijo Russell spent a few days of her spring break in Spur visiting friends.

Paige and Peyton Boone of Abilene are spending part of their spring break with their grandparents, Pam and Dennis Duke.

Margaret Siemens of Angelo State spent the weekend with her mom, Tina and with other family members. Margaret is busy with her wedding plants which will be in Mid-May.

Lorene Powers and I visited friends, Pat Benson, Deann Lamb, Lewis Lyles and Ed Moorhouse in Munday Nursing Center today. All seem to be doing well and sure do enjoy company. We all should be move faithful to visit.

We will be having two sunrise services in the area Sunday morning. As has been for years, (weather permitting) there will be a service at the Moorhouse Ranch between Benjamin and Guthrie.

Breakfast is served before the message. Breakfast is usually served about 6:30 a.m.

And for those who can't make it out to the ranch there will be a service here in town east of the Methodist Church sponsored by the local Ministerial Alliance.

Time for that one is 7:1 a.m. with breakfast following.

Surely we all will be able to attend one of these services. That will start our Easter Sunday off right! And I hope you all have an enjoyable day and remember what it's all about and be very thankful.

FLASH!

Taylor Grace Herring is the newest member of our family - Born today, March 17 at 2:50 p.m. at Hendricks Medical Center in Abilene.

Her parents are Liz and Nathan Herring. More about her next week.

March 20 3:45 **Throckmorton Junior High** March 21 12:00 Throckmorton Varsity March 27 3:45 **Junior High Aspermont**

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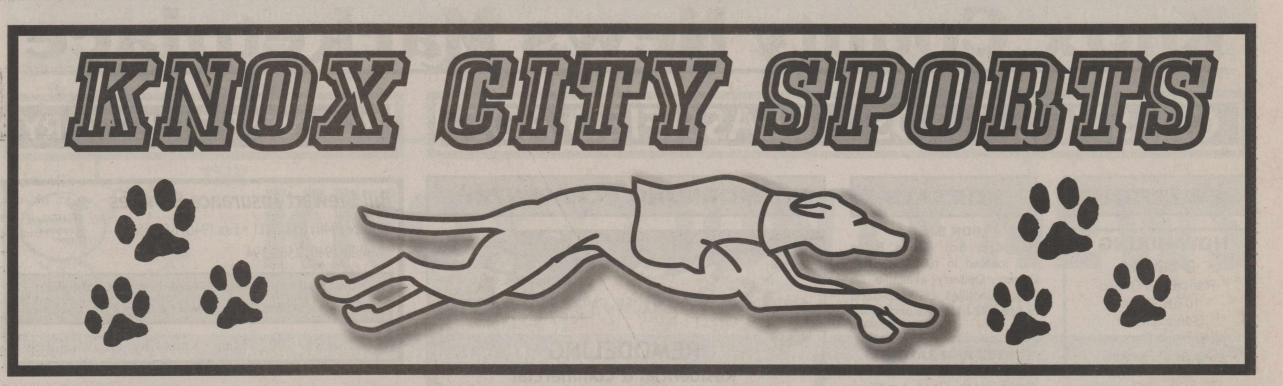


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Date	School	Class
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March 21	Throckmorton	Varsity
March 27	Aspermont	Junior High
March 28	Aspermont	Varsity
March 31	KC - District	Junior High
April 4	Roby - District	Varsity
April 8	Bronte - Area Meet	Varsity

2008 Knox City High Greyhounds Baseball Schedule

the Date had not	Opponent	Site	Time
March 25	Electra *	Knox City	5:00
March 28	Northside *	Northside	5:00
April 1	Seymour •	Knox City	5:00
April 4	Paducah *	Knox City	5:00
April 8	Quanah •	Quanah	5:00
April 11	Electra •	Electra	5:00
April 15	Northside •	Knox City	5:00
April 18	Seymour •	Seymour	5:00
April 22	Paducah *	Paducah	5:00
April 25	Quanah •	Knox City	5:00

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